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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sutapa Bhaduri et al.

Serial No: 10/052,291

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: Metal Part Having A Dense Core  
And Porous Periphery,  
Biocompatible Prosthesis And  
Microwave Sintering

Attorney

Docket Number: IDRF113

Group Art Unit: 1775

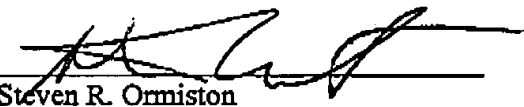
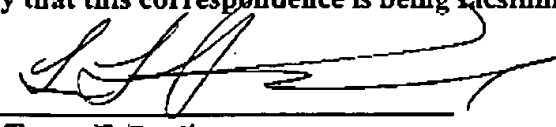
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003

Response To Office Action  
Serial No. 10/052,291

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> <b>Under Small Entity Status</b>				Attorney Docket No: IDRF113		
Application Serial Number: 10/052291		Filing Date: 1/18/2002		Examiner: J. McNeil		Art Unit: 1775
Invention: METAL PART HAVING A DENSE CORE AND POROUS PERIPHERY, BIOCOMPATIBLE PROSTHESIS AND MICROWAVE SINTERING						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	26	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	16	0	\$43	\$ 0.00
_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>12/12/2003</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>           _____ one month (\$55.00)            _____ two months (\$210.00)         </div> <div>           _____ three months (\$475.00)            _____ four months (\$740.00)         </div> </div>						
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. _____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached. _____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div> <u>3/11/2004</u> date         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             Steven R. Ormiston            Reg. No. 35974         </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <u>Certificate of Facsimile Transmission</u>            I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on  <u>3/11/2004.</u>              Tandra F. Paulin         </div>						

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Attached for filing are the following documents:

1. Amendment Transmittal Letter
2. Response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2003